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[REDACTED] a four page report giving the location, history, management, production, labor force and security of the Stalin Chemical Factory in Dimitrovgrad, Bulgaria. A sketch gives the general lay-out of the plant.

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Industrial

"HIMKOMBINAT - STALIN" CHEMICAL FACTORY,
DIMITROVGRAD

Location

1. The factory is located on the eastern outskirts of the town, on the right bank of the river MARITSA and near the STARA ZAGORA - KHASKOVO road.
2. The factory covers an area approximately 2,500 - 3,000 metres long and 1,400 metres wide; in all there are some 95 - 100 buildings, some of them two storeys high. There is one entrance only, on the eastern perimeter.

Lay Out

3. The attached sketch and legend give only a broad outline of the lay-out; the detailed location of individual workshops, etc. is not known.

History

4. The factory is brand new, having been constructed under conditions of great secrecy by Soviet engineers during the period 1951/52. It is said to be the most modern factory of its type and to possess full automation, certain large workshops being served by no more than two or three men. All equipment and machinery are of Soviet origin.

New Construction

5. Until 1957 there was no change in the construction of the factory, but since the summer of that year some new workshops in which in due course superphosphate will be produced, have been under construction. Further details are not known.

Management

6. The Director of the factory is Micho GANEV, formerly Director of Police at PLEVEN.

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7. The Chief Engineer is Ivan GAVRILOV

8. The Manager of the Power Station of the works is ZERKOV,
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Production

9. The factory's products are as follows:

Salt peter or amoniac

Sulphuric acid

Chloric acid

'Karbanit' (?)

Liquid hydrogen.

Quantities produced are not known.

Labour Force

10. The strength of the labour force varies between 2,500 and 3,000. Three eight-hour shifts are worked, and work is unbroken except for 8 - 10 days each year, when all work stops and all machines and equipment are overhauled.

11. Workers and especially technical personnel are well paid by Bulgarian standards and in addition enjoy certain facilities not available to the general population, such as: they receive regular and good quality food supplies; good living quarters and educational facilities are provided as well as special transportation for those living in the town.

12. With the exception of the technical staff only members of the communist party are employed in the factory. Even so, at the time of the Hungarian rising, tracts calling upon the workers to revolt were found in the factory; there was, however, no response to this call. Because of the good living and working conditions, the working morale of the labour force is good.

Degree of Soviet Control

13. Between 1952 and 1954 there were some 450 - 500 Soviet

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specialists in the factory. Their main task was to get the factory into working order and to train the Bulgarian labour force. After 1954 their numbers diminished and since the summer of 1957 no Soviet specialists have been seen.

14. The production plan and destination of products is subject to Soviet control, in that it forms part of the Soviet Bloc industrial plan.

Source of Raw Materials

15. All raw materials are obtained locally, the only exception being that raw materials for the production of super-phosphates (which is to start in the near future - see para 5 above) arrive in VARNA by boat from KOLA, U.S.S.R.

Destination of Finished Products.

16. Apart from those required for home consumption, products are sent by rail to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Roumania and Eastern Germany.

Civil and A.A. Defence

17. There are Civil Defence Teams in various parts of the factory. Every week there is an exercise lasting about one hour. Training follows the same pattern as that in the cities. No special subjects are taught.

18. There are deep shelters in various parts of the factory.

19. For protection from aerial attack there is a machine gun or light A.A.^{gun} mounted on all buildings with concrete roofs, and in addition an Anti-Aircraft Regiment is stationed in the town.

Security

20. As stated in para 2 above, there is only one point of entry and exit in the whole works. Entry is by pass only and is strictly controlled. Visitors are given a temporary pass on which the department to be visited is inscribed, and are escorted to and from it by a guard.

21. The factory is guarded outside by the factory guard and inside by the Works Militia.

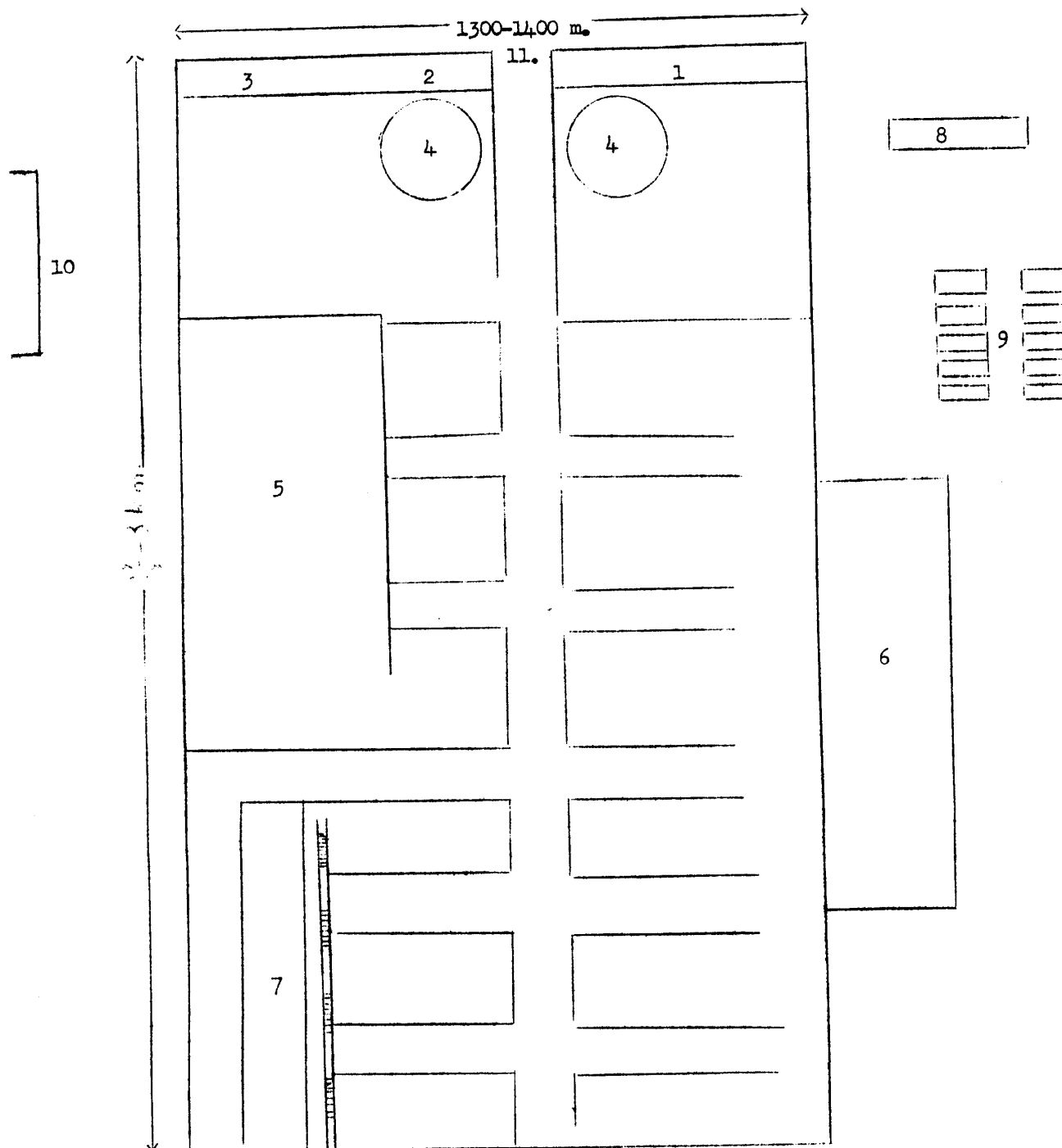

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"HIMKOMBINAT-STALIN" CHEMICAL FACTORY AT DIMITROVGRAD

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1. Management
2. Supplies and Logistics Office
3. Garage
4. Gas holders
5. Workshops
6. Power Station
7. Storage depots with railway siding.
8. Fire Brigade
9. Living quarters for the Militia
10. Militia
11. Main entrance

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